

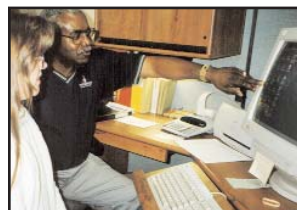
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INSIDE Community



Two centuries worth of knowledge retire from Fort Carson.
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Celebration



Medal of Honor recipient honored again during the Saint Barbara Ball.
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Happenings



Sergeant Patrena McGee, staff nurse at Evans Army Community Hospital, changing

by Lt. Col. Cynthia
F. Brown

Army Nurse Corps

"Throughout its history, the Army Nurse Corps has evolved as a world-

class center of excellence for military nursing and for the entire nursing commu-

Nurse corps celebrates 98 years of service

practice. Today, we continue this proud heritage by maintaining the highest standards for profes-

Army Nurse Corps. Since 1901, Army nurses have demonstrated again and again their

Nurse Corps become a part of the Army Medical Department.

Commanders



Riggs

“Kudos to the 52d Combat Engineer Battalion (Heavy) that has been working ... for over a year now.”

The Directorate of Public Works is busy preparing a number of Army Communities of Excellence-funded projects for the Mountain Post that will enhance quality of life for our soldiers, family members and civilian employees.

Among the important projects DPW is working on to make Fort Carson a better place to live, work and train are much needed improvements to an older section of our fitness trail network and a hard surface running track at Iron Horse Park.

By improving approximately one mile of running trail near Gate 20, the entire trail system — approximately 10.5 miles — will be in excellent condition and give runners, walkers and bikers a usable and fun trail. Kudos to the 52d Combat Engineer Battalion (Heavy) that has been working this valuable installation project for over a year now.

There were numerous requests to blacktop the 1.2-mile running track at Iron Horse Park so the trail can be used year-round for running, walking and roller blading, without going through mud and pooled water.

The project will be done this spring. Not only will blacktopping this track give our installation a superior running and walking trail, it will enhance the appearance of Iron Horse Park.

Another program is the new a la carte dining that will be in our dining facilities this year. A la carte dining is a system where soldiers only pay for

the menu items they select.

This project will require reorganization of the present dining facility configuration, additional plumbing, electrical work and minor structure work. This work will be done by our in-house work force. A sub-contractor will install the a la carte equipment. Once completed, the project will give dining hall patrons a streamlined approach to choosing food and improve the overall dining experience.

Improvements are also planned for the Mountain Post Outdoor Sports Complex. In order to use this beautiful complex year round, heat must be installed to the restrooms and main buildings. This will keep the facilities from having to be winterized each year.

In addition to the renovations, drinking fountains will be installed at all ballparks that don't presently have them.

One of the favorite meeting places at Fort Carson during the summer months is the outdoor swimming pool. Over the past few years many improvements have been made such as a new pool liner, remodeled dressing rooms and a snack bar. This year a slide was added as well as a baby pool. These improvements will make this very important recreation area a complete family experience. This project is a combined DPW and DCA action and will be completed before the pool opens this summer.

Each year new improvements are made to Iron Horse Park. This year, with the help of ACOE dollars, additional sod and irrigation systems will be installed and a roller hockey rink added.

With each improvement Iron Horse Park becomes a better place for soldier and family recreational activities.

Through the use of ACOE and installation money, many other small projects will be accomplished on Fort Carson that will enhance conditions for our soldiers, family members, retirees and civilian workers.

Air conditioning Library and Providence placed around the corner other community facilities.

Handicap access Spruce Lodge and E doors will be installed south end of the corridor.

The laundromat War II temporary building Annex, building 15 is part of a major Project bring the Clothing Store and numerous The multi-craft facility Travel Office will be Annex.

Our training area upgrades and are of ing how to allocate

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Two loading ramp be refurbished as w Red Devil. All three in such deteriorated safely used.

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Proud to serve!

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Second Lt. John E. Butts heroic- Lt. Butts, at the head of his platoon,

News

NCO promotions to skyrocket in February

by Gerry J. Gilmore
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - The Army's noncommissioned officer corps will experience a promotion explosion when the monthly NCO lists come out Monday.

A total of 6,560 soldiers have been selected for promotion to sergeant through sergeant major in February compared to 3,720 on January's NCO promotion lists, said Sgt. Maj. William T. Hursh, enlisted promotion proponent, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

At a time when the Army had planned to trim the number of its senior career NCOs (sergeants major, master sergeants and sergeants first class), it now finds itself promoting more NCOs, overall, in February, Hursh said. February promotions to staff sergeant (2,400) and sergeant first class (1,400), he said, more than doubled those made in January.

Additionally, Hursh said, the February lists shows 80 soldiers slated for promotion to sergeant major and 280 selected for master sergeant rank, representing increases over January of 60 and 80 promotions, respectively. The Army will also pro-

mote 2,400 soldiers and an increase of 400 compared to January.

"There will be significant promotions to sergeant major and sergeant first class," Hursh said. "But, the really big increase is compared to January) with promotions to sergeant first class and sergeant major.

"This is significant for many trainers. They are sergeants, recruiters and

Absent Without Leave

Soldiers risk career when running from duty

Fort Carson Public Affairs
Office

Absent Without Leave, or AWOL, is a crime as old as the Army itself. Even today at Fort Carson, many soldiers still go AWOL as a way of dealing with a problem. AWOL is never a solution — it just makes problems worse.

AWOL technically occurs at the instant that a soldier absents himself without authority from his unit or place of duty. More commonly, how-

ever, units report and charge AWOL when a soldier is absent without authority for more than 24 hours. The length of an AWOL only affects the maximum authorized punishment.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice, or UCMJ, sets forth the maximum punishments that can be imposed for AWOL.

If a soldier is AWOL for three days or less, the punishment could include one month in jail and forfeiture of two-thirds pay for one month.

If the AWOL is between three and 30 days, the soldier could face six months in jail and forfeiture of two-thirds pay per month for six months. An AWOL of more than 30 days leaves a soldier facing a possible punishment of one year in jail, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and a dishonorable discharge.

The charge of desertion, where a soldier intends on never coming back, could result in 2 years in jail.

Even one day of jail automatical-

ly results in 15 punishment points, a discharge from the Army. The Army is not lenient on soldiers who are not in uniform, are not in good conduct, or are not in good health. AWOL is a crime. Soldiers should not run from duty. Soldiers should not run from duty. Soldiers should not run from duty.

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Ticket

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"I know I can't afford (a ticket) that's why I keep my speed underneath the speed limit. We just try to get that emphasis out to the people if you get caught speeding — money's going to come out of your pocket or else you're going to have to take time off to go to court and argue it. Our (military police) argue rate in court is pretty much one hundred percent. You can't beat the radar gun. They're calibrated. They're time proven. And arguing in court is pretty much a person's waste of time. But that's an option that a person has," stated Kist.

By pointing and aiming a radar gun at a vehicle's license plate, the military police can catch speeders and have proof of how fast an individual was traveling.

"(Radar guns) are calibrated every time they go into operation. It's part of our military police certification. When we get a new (MP) soldier here on Fort Carson they are all certified on the radar system prior to putting them out on the road. They don't get that training in basic or AIT. It's part of their training when they come here," Kist said.

In conjunction with the calibrated radar guns, the provost marshal's office has employed Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailers at various

locations on post. The SMARTs display the drivers' speed and at the same time reminds them of the post speed limit.

"We put them at different locations and it shows the speed limit and then it shows your actual speed. If I'm driving in a 30 mile per hour zone and I see 500 yards up there's a SMART trailer telling me I'm doing 40 that's another method we do to tell the public you're speeding," he said.

With the increase in fines and the radar system, individuals pulled over for speeding will hopefully learn an expensive lesson.

"People are going to pay. It's going to cost them. We've got other plans in the provost's marshal's office, We've got our traffic accident investigation team conducting a study right now of where all the speeding is happening on Fort Carson based on our past traffic tickets. From there we will set up 'speed monitoring locations,'" Kist said.

And what will this radar surveillance program cost the provost marshal's office on Fort Carson? Manpower.

"The manpower isn't an issue. We've added two extra patrols per day on just radar surveillance, but we're willing to do that just to get people to slow down," Kist said.

Manpower may not be an issue for the military police but speeding and the lack of "common

sense" while driving may have been avoided.

"Fort Carson never just do the speed limit rushing at the last minute off of PT (physical training) shower and change half they get. Of course as fast as they can and do and wait until the. Everybody wants to go he stated.

And if you think about doing the speed limit. The provost marshal's "excessive speed to

"Weather conditions the number of traffic there's ice and snow down even more. You the speed limit when road," Kist said.

"Speeding hasn't that we've noticed. Fort Carson to slow down there," he said.

Community

200 years of knowledge retire from Fort Carson

**by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff**

More than 200 years of experience walked out the door the last day of December, when five Directorate of Logistics' employees retired.

Shelton L. King, a material examiner and identifier, who "looks at everything that comes and goes off the post" retired with more than 41 years federal service — 22 of those years in the Army. He was at Fort Carson in civil service for nearly 20 years, and saw a lot of changes.

"When I first came here," King said, "everything was pencil and paper — now it's computer."

Although King found it hard at first to learn to use the computer, he acknowledges that it gets the parts back in the system and reissued much faster.

King enjoyed his civil service time and his job here.

"When you look forward to going to work, you know it's a great place," he said.

Bobby Bowman also retired the last day of 1998. He was an inspector/classifier, and accepted "property worth fixing." That property includes various tank, aircraft and vehicle parts. Bowman retired with almost 20 years civil service at Fort Carson, and more than 23 years Air Force experience.

Bowman said the highlight of his civil service career was at the canvas shop in DOL. He was there 17 years, and thought he had made worthwhile contributions by making tents, tarps and vehicle tops. Other interesting projects included blackout curtains and a gigantic cover used to connect a mother vehicle with 12 vans used in exercises. He also fabricated covers for tracked vehicles and fork lifts.

Another civilian who retired the end of December was Edward Kendall, who had a total of 44 of years' federal service.

Kendall said his last position

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**Lorenzo Javier in
er. He left Fort
years.**

Professionals have answers to tax questions

Fort Carson Tax Center

Using the Fort Carson Tax Center is now easier than ever. Recent changes to the facilities have increased the capacity of the Tax Center and reduced the wait time. These changes have been implemented without affecting the ability of tax center personnel to prepare returns quickly, efficiently, and professionally. The following is a simple guide to using the tax center in a question and answer format.

Q. Who is eligible for tax services?

A. Active duty military personnel, military retirees and their family members.

Q. What services do you provide?

A. The tax center provides tax information, distributes tax forms and prepares both state and federal tax returns. Most federal tax returns are eligible for electronic filing.

Q. When is the tax center open?

A. The tax center will prepare tax returns from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday. Tax returns will also be prepared on the following Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Feb. 6 and 20, March 6 and April 3 and 10.

Q. Where is the tax center?

A. The tax center is conveniently located off Woodfill Road, in building 6264, right across from the Colorado Inn and the Elkhorn Conference Center.

Q. Do I have to make an appointment?

A. All tax returns can be prepared on a walk-in basis, so no appointment is necessary. If you desire an appointment, you may schedule one by calling 524-1012/1013. Appointments are booked one week in advance.

Q. What should I bring with me?

A. You will need to bring to the tax center all copies of your W-2 form and social security numbers for yourself and each dependent. If relevant, you should also bring the following: Form 1099 INT or DIV, your mortgage interest statement, records of child care expenses, records of IRA contributions and information on the sale of stocks, bonds, or mutual funds. In addition, if you intend to electronically file your return and want to receive your refund by direct deposit, bring your bank account number and routing number. These numbers may be obtained from your financial institution and are also printed on all personal checks.

Q. What can I expect when I use the tax center?

A. Upon arrival at the tax center you will be directed to sign in at the reception desk, which is located on the first floor of the building. Tax center personnel will hand you a client questionnaire and ask you to complete it. The client questionnaire helps tax preparers classify your return as simple or complex. If your return is classified as a simple one, you will be directed to the 2nd floor waiting room. Clients complex returns will remain in the first floor waiting room. Both waiting rooms are equipped with a telephone, a television and public restrooms.

Q. Do I have to sit down and talk with a tax consultant?

A. Unless you have an appointment, your return will be prepared in the same order in which you arrive. If you have a simple return, it will be

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Things to bring, times to remember

Information needed to prepare a tax return

- * All W-2s received;
- * Social Security Numbers for yourself and all dependents; and if relevant:
- * Form 1099 INT or DIV
- * Information on child care, IRA contributions, sale of stocks bonds, or mutual funds, and alimony paid
- * Mortgage interest statement
- * Any other financial info
- * Power of Attorney if filing for your spouse

Tax center information

Located off Woodfill Road (Across from the Colorado Inn and the Elkhorn Conference Center) in Building 6264.

Phone: 524-1012 or 524-1013

Hours of operation

M,T,W,F 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Th 1:00 to 7 p.m.
Sat** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

* 7:30 to 9 a.m. reserved for picking up or dropping off forms and other administrative matters only; tax preparation starts at 9 a.m.

Dates of operation

M - F*: Today to April 16
Sat* Feb. 6 and 20,
March 6 and April 3 and 10.

* Not open on federal or training holidays.

**Open five Saturdays.

1999 Electronic Filing Peak Refund Cycle Chart* Information derived from IRS Pub. 2043 (Rev. 8/89)

RETURNS ACCEPTED BETWEEN THURSDAY	DIRECT DEPOSIT (FRIDAY) NOON CUTOFF	PAPER CHECK AND/OR NOTICE ISSUED (FRIDAY)
Jan. 28-Feb. 4 (Noon)	2-12-99	2-19-99
Feb. 4-Feb. 11 (Noon)	2-19-99	2-26-99
Feb. 11-Feb. 18 (Noon)	2-26-99	3-5-99
Feb. 18-Feb. 25 (Noon)	3-5-99	3-12-99
Feb. 25-Mar. 4 (Noon)	3-12-99	3-19-99
Mar. 4-Mar. 11 (Noon)	3-19-99	3-26-99
Mar. 11-Mar. 18 (Noon)	3-26-99	4-2-99
Mar. 18-Mar. 25 (Noon)	4-2-99	4-9-99
Mar. 25-Apr. 1 (Noon)	4-9-99	4-16-99

Rainbow Kids open schedule for spring, summer

Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

From their humble beginnings nine short months ago, The Rainbow Kids have performed their special programs throughout Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Fountain, Fort Carson and Cripple Creek.

In addition, they have videotaped an hour-long feature television show (that was aired just before Thanksgiving), performed several times at the Colorado

Springs Airport and drew large crowds at the 1998 Pikes Peak First Night.

Now, the young entertainers are opening their spring and summer performance calendar to schedule programs throughout the area.

This includes areas from Cripple Creek to Canon City, to Pueblo and up to Denver.

The touring performing arts group is dedicated to presenting professional quality, family-style entertainment in a variety of settings.

The music includes routines from the 1930s, 40s, 50s, 60s, Broadway, some modern and country and western.

The nonprofit group presents free programs ranging from 30 minutes to more than an hour at schools, churches, community and military events, youth and senior centers, shopping malls and at patriotic events.

Locations already booked for the spring and summer include: Fort Carson's Iron

Horse Park, Fountain Valley Senior Center, Manitou Springs Ice Cream Social, the Colorado Springs Airport and a couple of locations in Pueblo.

There are several similar groups around the world. These places include Phoenix and Lakeside, Ariz.; San Bernardino and San Diego, Calif.; Stuttgart and Frankfurt, Germany; Hickam AFB and Mililani, Hawaii; Scott AFB, Ill.; Osan AB, Korea; Fort Monmouth, N.J.;

NCO

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tions are important to the Army; it helps readiness."

A reduction of NCO positions, known as Change-in-NCO-Structure, was planned for last fall, Hursh said, but was pushed back to this summer. This circumstance, he said, has enabled the

Army to promote more NCOs.

"Originally, CINCOS was going to be executed for fiscal year '99, with a lot of the reductions occurring in October '98, to get to where we needed to be in September 1999," Hursh said.

"Leadership re-looked at that, and decided to do the (NCO) reductions this June, instead.

"This meant we could promote more NCOs in

February; these soldiers promoted in the next were able to pull the ward," he said.

Additionally, Army planners must who depart the service on a "one-for-one" l

Chapel

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet **Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.** at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel for prayer, fellowship and study. Child care is available. For more information, call Jennifer Wake at 540-9157.

The Regional Meeting of the Military Council of Catholic Women is held **Feb. 1 at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** For more information, call 392-4788.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel host a **Senior High Winter Retreat at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park today through Jan. 31.** The cost is \$95. Scholarships are available from the Chaplain's Fund. A deposit is due before Jan. 17. For more information, call Jay Kayll at 382-4659.

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Chapel	Service	Day	Time	Location	Conductor
Healer	Mass	Sunday	11 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. G.
Healer	Mass	M-W-F	11:45 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. G.
Provider	Mass	Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap
Soldiers'	CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. F.
Soldiers'	Mass	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Chap
Veterans'	Mass	Sunday	8 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap

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Provider	Lutheran	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap
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Healer	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Chap
Prussman	SS/Samoan	Sunday	8 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap
Prussman	Prot/Samoan	Sunday	9 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap
Provider	Sun. School	Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap
Provider	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap
Prussman	Sun. School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap
Prussman	Prot/Gospel	Sunday	11 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap
Soldiers'	Sun. School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. S.
Soldiers'	PYOC	Sunday	6:30 p.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Mr. K.
Soldiers'	Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Chap
Veterans'	Protestant	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap
Veterans'	Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap

For additional information, contact the Installation Chaplain's Office, building 6227 and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel. Child care is available for infants and preschool age children during on-post worship services. We offer a children's church for ages 6 to 12.

Daily Bible Readings

In order to assist in regular scripture reading, the following scriptures are recommended. These are part of the common daily lectionary which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.

- Saturday, Luke 1:68-79 & Genesis 49-50
- Sunday, Luke 2:29-32 & Exodus 1-3
- Monday, Psalms 59 & Exodus 4-6
- Tuesday, Psalms 60 & Exodus 7-9
- Wednesday, Psalms 61 & Exodus 10-12
- Thursday, Psalms 62 & Exodus 13-15
- Feb. 5, Psalms 63 & Exodus 16-18

Chaplain's Corner

**Commentary by
Chap. (Capt.) Joshua L. Pair
1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Division**

When we consider the heavens and all the mighty works of God; when we think about all that God has done — from Genesis to Revelation, from the past to the present and from the Stone Age to the Space Age — I wonder sometimes: When did God perform his very best work?

Some scientists say God was at his best when he gave man the ability to build airplanes that fly in the mist of the heavens. Other scholars and theologians say that God was at his best when man walked upon the moon. Then some say God was at his best when he allowed man to build ships that sail the Seven Seas.

When I stop to consider the great and marvelous works of God and ask the question, "When was God at his best?" I am drawn to the inevitable conclusion that God was at his best when, as the Bible says, "What is man that thou art mindful of him, for you have made him a little lower than the angels."

When we look at the creation story, one could honestly say that God was truly at his best when he stepped out into the midst of nothing and made something.

He called forth the stars, constellations and galaxies, and they all came forth in orderly procession. The sun, the moon and the planets also obeyed his voice when directed to light the heavens by day and night. Surely one would think that our God was at his best.

As we look back over the biblical record and examine what God has done, throughout history we see his divine hand in the affairs of mankind. When the Israelites were in bondage in Egypt, God directed Moses to go and tell Pharaoh, "Let my people go." Pharaoh refused and God made a highway through the Red Sea for his people to flee from Egypt. Surely one would think that our God was at his best.

Man at one point measured time by the orbit of the earth around the sun. God gave man the knowledge and wisdom to create clocks and now we are able to tell time by simply looking at the hands of

our clocks both day and night. Surely one would think that our God was at his best.

One dark day, though, at Calvary, man nailed our Lord to a cross and died for us. He had wiped us out of existence. He asked his father, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Surely our God was at his best.

I submit to you that our God was at his best when he said, "He saved us while we were still sinners" (Romans 5:8).

Verses from two Psalms sung on many Sundays speak of a man deep in sin, far from God, deeply stained with sin. The master of the sea said, "The Lord's love lifted me," and the sound, that saved me, was lost, but now I'm found.

This is when God saved someone like

Retired

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— as supervisor of storage in DOL — was the one that gave him the most satisfaction.

Kendall also noted the automation technology — “going from paper to computer” as the biggest change he’d been through.

Lorenzo Javier retired with 16 years in civil service at Fort

Carson, where he was a supply technician in the Local Purchase Branch.

He previously had three years at the Air Force Academy after retiring from the Coast Guard.

After spending 15 years Coast Guard duty on the water, Javier is enjoying land-locked Colorado. In fact, sever-

al of his family members have re-located to Colorado from his native Philippines.

Arnold Butler, a longtime DOL civilian retired with about 41 years of federal service. His job was manager of petroleum supply, or as he called himself, “steward of fuel.”

Butler had friends in Colorado, visited the area several times, liked it, and decided to live here.

“I grew up in the military,” he said. Butler enjoyed his work with the military. “I met nice people and learned a lot,” he said.

Gail Mixon, chief of Supply Management Branch, said the retiring employees “are not replaceable.”

As varied as their backgrounds, the new retirees have diverse plans for retirement.

Butler, who terms himself “a pretty good golfer” plans to play a lot of golf, enjoy the outdoors and spend



Edward Kendall retrieves packaging sup

quality time with his wife.

He’s also signed up with the wellness center and plans to return to post regularly to keep in shape.

Kendall plans to stay in the area, paint his house and go to the East Coast to visit family. After that, he’ll probably be looking for another job.

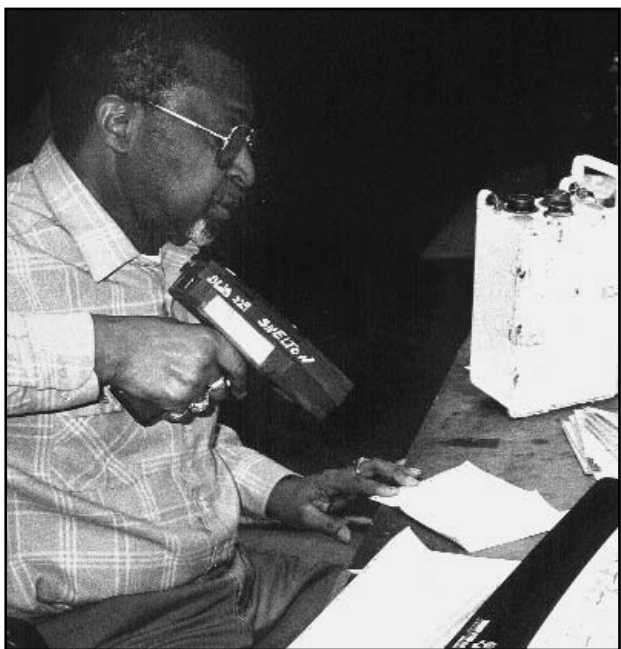
Javier plans to rest and do chores for

awhile — he has two houses to care for.

Relaxing, traveling and spending more time with his family are at the top of King’s list of retirement priorities. And well, maybe some golfing and fishing.

As for Bowman, he’s going to relax for a while. When he gets restless, he’ll probably go to work part time.

And back at DOL, Sal Hernandez, chief



Shelton King inputs the identification numbers from paperwork into the computer.

If you have a story idea, call the Mountaineer at

Commissary changes check-writing



Photo by Spc. Bryan Beach

Like 43 million other check writers, Capt. Keith Jaminet, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division prepares a check for Cashier Vivian Crouse.

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Where and When

Directorate of Community Activities
facilities

Physical fitness centers/swimming pools

- **Garcia PFC** ph: 526-3944 or 526-5785
M-F 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m./weekends and holidays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **McKibben PFC** ph: 526-2597
M-F 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m./weekends and holidays 6 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Waller PFC** ph: 526-2742
M-F 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m./weekends and holidays 3-10 p.m.
- **Mountain Post PFC** ph: 526-2411
M, T, W, F 6:30-9:30 a.m. (Open for after-PT showers only)
- **Forrest FC** ph: 526-2706
M-F 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m./weekends and holidays closed
- **Post PFC** ph: 526-1023 or 526-1024
M-F 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m./weekends and holidays closed
- **Indoor Swimming Pool** ph: 526-3107
M-F 6:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. (lap swimming from 6:30-8:30 a.m./open swimming from noon-10 p.m.)/weekends and holidays, closed
- **Outdoor Swimming Pool** closed

Miscellaneous

- **Post Commissary**, building 1525, ph: 526-5505
M, T, Thu, and Fri from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Sun from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Wednesdays.
- **Grant Library**, building 1528, ph: 526-2350
M-Thu 11 a.m.-8 p.m./Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m./Sat and Sun 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Multi-Craft/AutoCraft/WoodCraft Centers**
W, Thu and Fri 1-8:30 p.m./weekends and holidays 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m./Mon and Tues closed, ph: 526-0950
- **Community Thrift Shop**, building 1008, ph: 526-5966
T, W, Thu 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m./ Fri through Mon closed
- **Turkey Creek Recreation Area**, ph: 526-3905
W-F 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m./Sat and Sun 10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m./office hours: W-Sun 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **Information Tour & Travel**, building 1532, ph: 526-5366
M-F 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Sat 9 a.m.-1 p.m./closed Sun and holidays
- **Carlson Wagonlit Travel**, building 1532, ph: 576-5404
M, W, Thu, F 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Tues 9 a.m.-5 p.m./weekends and holidays closed
- **Outdoor Recreation Complex**, building 2429, ph: 526-2083
M-Sun 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m./holidays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Pueblo Deli** (Elkhorn), building 7300, ph: 576-6646
M-F 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m./closed weekends and holidays
- **Fatz Pool and Darts**, building 1129, ph: 526-4693
T-Thu 11:30 a.m.-midnight/Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-2 a.m./Sun 1 p.m.-midnight/Mon closed
- **The Bowling Center**, building 1511, ph: 526-5542
Sun -Thu 11 a.m.-11 p.m./Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-1 a.m.



Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable channel 10, today through Feb. 5.

Mountain Post Magazine: includes stories about Fort Carson and the Colorado Springs area. Airt at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. and midnight.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on Operation Fish-Ex in Alaska, a balloon jump in Belgium and the annual Equal Opportunity conference (repeat of last week). Airls at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Air Force News Special Edition: Acting secretary of the Air Force, Whit Peters, discusses changes in the Air Force mission in the future with commentaries by Air Force Chief of Staff

Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities

Barber/Beauty Shops

- **Ivy Troop Store Barber Shop**, building 2355
M-F 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m./weekends and holidays, closed
- **Prussman Troop Store Barber Shop**
M-F 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m./weekends and holidays, closed
- **Barber Shop**, building 1161
M-F 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m./weekends and holidays closed
- **Evans Beauty Shop**, building 7500, ph: 540-0462
M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m./weekends and holidays, closed
- **Post HQ Barber Shop**, building 1430
Mon only 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed holidays but open next business day)
- **Welcome Center Barber Shop**, building 1218
Mon and Thu only 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Main Store Mall Barber and Beauty Shops**, building 6110, ph: 576-6459
M-Sat 9 a.m.-7 p.m./Sun and holidays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **Mini Mall Barber Shop**, building 1510, ph: 576-8013
M-F 7 a.m.-6 p.m./Sat 8 a.m.-6 p.m./Sun 10 a.m.-5 p.m., closed holidays

Shoppettes/service stations

- **“B Street” Shopette**, building 900
M-F 5 a.m.-midnight/weekends 6 a.m.-midnight

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Community Calendar
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Channel 9 daily language news broadcast

If you have comments, programming or wish to be added to channels 9 or 10, please call 526-1241 or via email at info@9and10.com

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Call Kim Tisor at 526-4143 if you have a story for Post Magazine. Contact the Community Support Center for stories on tapes only on channel 13. Submit typewritten reports to the Community Calendar, room 135, building 1, 1000 University Ave., SE, Atlanta 30303, 303-809-1313, or fax them to 303-809-1314.

- **Mini-Mall**, building 1
M-Sat 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Sun 10-5 p.m.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - **Burger King** (Speckers)
M-F 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (drive-thru)
(drive-thru until 10 p.m.)
 - **Kentucky Fried Chicken**
M-Sun 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
 - **Class Six**, building 15
M-Sat 9 a.m.-9 p.m./Sun 10-5 p.m.
 - **Class Six Annex**, building 16
M-Sat 10 a.m.-7 p.m./closed Sun
 - **Laundromat**, building 16
M-Sun 7 a.m.-10 p.m.
 - **Car Rental**, building 16
M-F 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m./Sat 10-5 p.m.
 - **TV Repair/U-Haul**, building 16
M-F 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m./Sat 10-5 p.m./Sundays
 - **Sprint Office**, ph: 579-222-1111
M-F 9 a.m.-6 p.m./Sat 10-5 p.m./Sundays
 - **Main Store Mall**, building 16
M-Sat 9 a.m.-9 p.m./Sun 10-5 p.m.
 - **Main Store Mall Shop**, Vitamin Expo, Open 10-5 p.m.
 - **Main Store Mall Express**
M-F 8 a.m.-3 p.m./Sat 10-5 p.m./Sundays

COMMUNITY

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City Bus schedule

Weekdays

Bus starts at Evans	Bus leaves from PX	Bus leaves from PPCC	Bus leaves from Nevada & Southgate	Bus ends at downtown terminal	Bus starts at downtown terminal	Bus leaves from Nevada & Southgate	Bus leaves from PPCC
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Check

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After Monday, any check written at a commissary that does not clear the bank will automatically carry a \$25 administration fee. The customer has three days to come in on their own to redeem the bad check. After the third day, a certified letter is mailed to the customer or the customer's commander if they are a soldier, Scranton said.

If the dishonored checks are not redeemed at the commissary within 30 days, the military finance office may charge an additional \$15 fee. If the customer takes no action, the finance office may deduct the debt from the military member's pay. Service members are held responsible for dishonored checks written by family members, according to the policy.

"The problem seems to be mostly younger, first-time soldiers," Scranton said. "We do have those honest mistakes and those are taken care of quickly, but for those that are just careless; there really is no reason for it. People really, need to be more concise about what they are doing. And the information on their checks is very important. It's there to protect the customer so they should make certain it's accurate and up-to-date."

According to the release, in fiscal 1998, patrons wrote more than 43 million checks to commissaries worldwide. During that same time, banks returned more than 71,000 patron checks to commissaries. Many customers quickly made good on the bad checks, with only 22,000 checks eventually proceeding to debt collection. The new fees are expected to help further reduce the number of dishonored checks.

Signs can currently be seen at the
Commissary outlining the new policy, Scranton
said. For more information, call 526-1708.

Emissions

The Directorate of Motor Vehicle
Compliance and Maintenance is currently
installing vehicle emissions testing stations
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
across post will be installing
stickers and wheel alignment
state license plates
check compliance
vehicle emissions.

For more information, call
526-1708.

Military

Computer-based learning takes training out of

by **Gerry J. Gilmore**
Army News Service
WASHINGTON —

Soldiers and Army civilians can now access more than 800 information technology and communications courses from their desks at work or home through an Armywide contract for computer-based training.

The contract for the computer-based training system began Nov. 30 and enables active-duty, National Guard,

and reserve soldiers and Department of the Army civilians to take courses in data communications, networks, programming, operating systems, information systems design, and more, according to Army officials. In September, a California-based company, CBT Systems Unlimited, was awarded the contract for the system.

The system can be accessed on the Internet by

individuals with military email addresses ending with "army.mil." and is available on CD-ROM for local Wide Area Network/Local Area Network implementation, said Stan H. Vilhauer, the contracting officers' representative for the computer-based training program.

Vilhauer works out of an office at U.S. Army Information Systems Software Center at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Registration for courses, Vilhauer said, is even conducted by computer.

"Army personnel can register for the courses through a webpage uniform resource locator:

<http://www.armycbt.jccbi.gov/armycbt/>," he said. "You have to register from a military domain, but afterward you can take courses through the Internet at home, or anywhere. If you do not have a military domain address, you

AWOL

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help. There are many organizations to assist.

The Chaplain's Office, Legal Assistance Officer, Mental Health, and Army Community Services are but a few. Commanders and NCOs also are key to AWOL prevention. Units who know their soldiers can help prevent them from going AWOL. Not only can leaders then see AWOLs coming and "head them off," but soldiers who see that their leaders are concerned may decide to make the Army part of the solution. Preventing AWOLs also requires constant dedication. Recently, Bravo Company, 1/8 Infantry Battalion, received a streamer for 180 days without

an AWOL. Such a success did not happen without at least 180 days of continuous commitment.

The Army aggressively pursues AWOL soldiers. Commanders and first sergeants often know where AWOL soldiers are.

The military police maintain an AWOL apprehension team to bring AWOL soldiers back to Fort Carson. Finally, soldiers who are reported as AWOL have their names submitted to the National Crime Information Center.

The NCIC maintains a database of everyone who is wanted by local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies coast-to-coast. A simple traffic stop results in the arrest of an AWOL soldier. Quite simply, AWOL soldiers are constantly on the run up until their eventual return to military control.

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Father, son share a proud military unit

by **Nel Lampe**
Mountaineer staff

It's a long, proud history — that of the 1st Battalion of the 8th Infantry. Activated in

1838, the unit served the country in the Mexican War, the Civil War, Indian Wars, War with Spain, the Philippine Invasion, World War I,

World War II and Vietnam. The unit holds three Presidential Unit Citations and has had eight Medal of Honor winners in its ranks.

And there's another long, proud history of a personal nature that occurred with the change of command Thursday.

When Lt. Col. William G. Jones turned over command of the 1st Bn., 8th Inf. to Col. Steven L. Salazar, family history emerged.

Artillerymen's ball features Medal of Honor recipient

by Spc. Bryan Beach
Mountaineer staff

"I saw it in those Marines' eyes. 'Oh no. The lieutenant is in charge,'" said Harvey Barnum, retired Marine Corps colonel and Medal of Honor recipient, speaking at the Saint Barbara's Day Ball Jan. 21. "Luckily those young Marines did as they were told and followed orders and we got out of their alive. We won."

Nearly 25 years have passed since that day in Vietnam, when a young Marine lieutenant, merely weeks in country, suddenly found himself in a life or death situation with his company, a company he had only been with for a few days.

Outside the village of Ky Phu in the Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam, (then lieutenant) Barnum risked his life when his company was "suddenly pinned down by a hail of extremely accurate enemy fire," reads the Medal of Honor citation. Barnum "quickly made a hazardous reconnaissance of the area, seeking targets for his artillery. Finding the rifle company commander mortally wounded and the radio operator killed ... he gave aid to the dying commander ..., then removed the radio from the dead operator and strapped it to himself. He immediately assumed command of the rifle company ..."

The citation goes on to tell how Barnum reorganized his battered troops and returned a stinging counter attack to the enemy, then secured the landing of two transport helicopters for the evacuation of the dead and wounded.

"Not a day goes by that I don't think about those men who died there in Vietnam. That's why I wear this medal, in memory of

all those who died," Barnum said at the ball.

Barnum was asked to be the guest speaker at the Saint Barbara's Day Ball, a ball named for the patron saint of artillerymen. Saint Barbara became the patroness of gunners of the 17th century and has remained the patron saint for artillerymen ever since.

Barnum arrived in the Colorado Springs area Jan. 20 and stayed until Saturday. During his stay he visited with Fort Carson soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, where he was given a tour and demonstration of the latest and newest equipment in the Army arsenal.

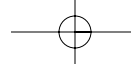
Barnum said he was amazed by the changes and demands placed upon the modern military and especially the artillery, with the downsizing of the armed forces and increase of deployments.

Soldiers seemed to be excited and interested in meeting a Medal of Honor recipient.

"I think it's pretty exceptional to see an active, living Medal of Honor recipient," said Staff Sgt. Randle Dawson, Howitzer section chief, Alpha Company, 3/29th FA. "It's good for us all. That is our nation's highest award for heroism in a combat situation. It's good for morale and the soldiers ... enjoyed coming out and (talking about their jobs with Barnum.)"

"(Barnum) has been out of the military for 10 years, so we had to bring him up to speed on how we do things now," said Sgt. Jason Rida, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 3/29 FA. "But he followed along really well."

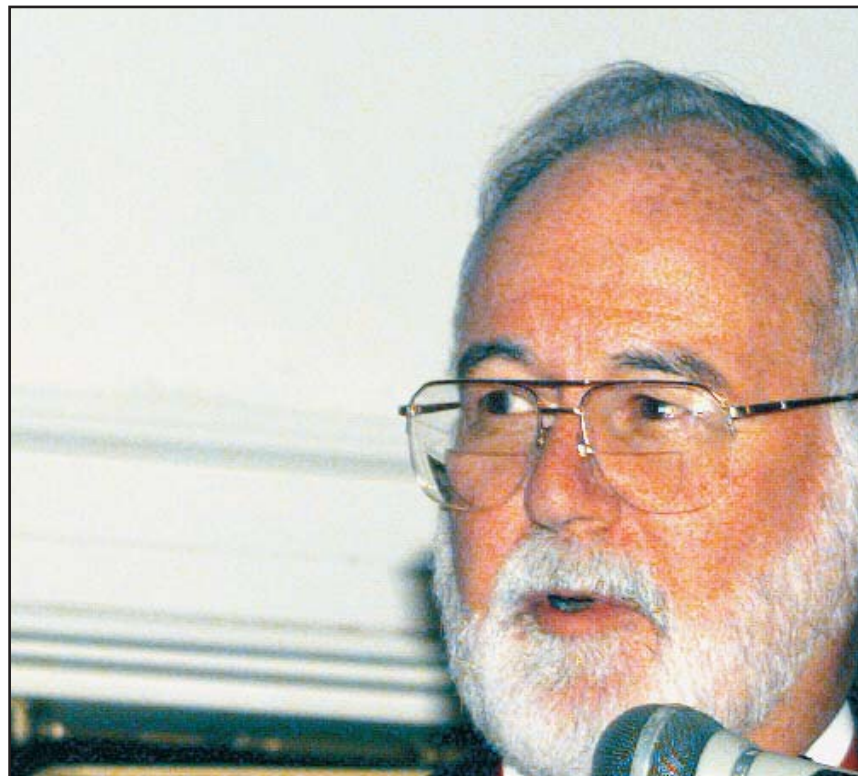




FEATURE



A team chief explains how a laser locator/designator gives an
locating the enemy's position to retired Col. Harvey Barnum c
while 2nd Lt. Jae-song Pyon looks on.



Flying high

Medical Company wins award

Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

Fort Carson's 571st Medical Company was recently notified they will receive The Army Aviation Association of America's Army Aviation Air/Sea Rescue Award Feb. 3, at Fort Rucker, Ala.

The award encompassed from Sept. 1, 1997, through Aug. 31, 1998.

The rescue occurred on March 15, 1998, on a 13,000 foot cliff near Leadville.

The 571st Medical Company rescue team was dispatched in their specially fitted UH-60A Black Hawk helicopter and soon arrived at the crash site.

The Army flight team was informed that five hot air balloon passengers were stranded on a 70 degree slope in a tight draw on the side of the mountain. Making matters worse, they were located on a snow bank just below an ice chute.

As the air rescue team was

preparing to help the stranded balloonists, ground rescue workers finally arrived on scene.

The ground rescue climbers were able to secure the victims and the balloon so the Black Hawk could complete the rescue operation without the threat of the aircraft's rotor wash blowing down on the victims and causing further problems.

Soon thereafter, the crew lifted all five people to safety just as the balloon completely dislodged itself from the mountain side and fell down the 70 degree slope.

In all, the air rescue portion took more than four and half hours.

The team on board the 571st Medical Company Black Hawk included: Chief Warrant Officer Paul Waskosky, pilot in command; Chief Warrant Officer David S. Anstett, co-pilot; Spc. Steven R. Holguin, medic; and Staff Sgt. David A. Mussack, crew chief.

Learn

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Officer Capt. Stephen J. Green said he is responsible for computer training within his unit.

Many of Green's soldiers, he said, including himself, are taking courses using the new computer-based training software via the web.

"The system offers a variety of courses, is easy to use, and is self-paced," Green said.

"It also has attention-getting graphics and features a different learning environment than just sitting in a classroom," he said.

Specialist Damian M. Currier, an ISSC information systems operator/analyst at Fort Belvoir, said he is currently taking a course via computer in Internet protocol, or engineering.

"The course is going to help me implement a better local area computer network at work, and will further my knowledge as a network administrator," he said.

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Nurse

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serving overseas. During the war, nurses served primarily in base, evacuation, and mobile surgical hospitals in the United States, France, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. They also provided care on hospital trains in France and transport ships carrying wounded home across the Atlantic. For the first time, nurses were used as anesthetists and, after the armistice was signed, African-American nurses were admitted to the Corps.

The World War II wartime experience brought further innovations that revolutionized medical services. In Europe, Army nurses assisted in developing the concept of recovery wards for immediate postoperative nursing care. Military nursing gained a greater understanding of the process of shock, blood replacement, and resuscitation. Air evacuation from the combat zone by fixed wing aircraft brought patients to definitive treatment quickly. Army flight nurses helped to establish the incredible record of only five deaths in flight per 100,000 patients transported.

Nurses endured hardships caring for their patients: In May 1942, with the fall of Corregidor, Philippines, 67 Army nurses became Japanese prisoners of war. During the 37 months of captivity, the women endured primitive conditions, starvation rations, but

still they continued to care for the ill and injured in the internment hospital. On Anzio nurses dug their foxholes outside their tents and cared for patients under German shellfire. Their example bolstered the spirits of the soldiers who shared the same tough experience. During the last six months of the war, six Army nurses were killed when a Japanese "suicide" plane attacked the hospital ship Comfort, then evacuating patients from Okinawa.

Army nurses once again played a major role in support of combat troops when President Truman ordered United States forces into Korea in June 1950. Army nurses cared for combat troops during the landing on In'chon; the advance across the 38th parallel into North Korea, the amphibious landing on the East Coast of Korea; the drive toward the Yalu River; and the retreat to the 38th parallel.

During the 1960s, Army nurses aided victims of natural disasters in Iran, Yugoslavia and Alaska. They were also deployed during national emergencies such as the building of the Berlin Wall, the Cuban missile crisis and the Dominican Republic crises. By December 1965, hostilities in the Republic of Vietnam set in motion the need for increased Army Nurse Corps participation in

Southeast Asia.

Mobility and increased patient acuity characterized service in Vietnam. Evacuation by helicopter brought wounded to medical units located within minutes flying time of the battlefield. The UH1H helicopter ambulance, nicknamed the "Dustoff," not only transported patients from the battle locations 50 percent faster than in Korea, but also provided triage and resuscitative services for casualties. Trauma care specialization as well as shock/trauma units developed from this experience.

The chain of evacuation from Vietnam was extraordinary. A soldier could be wounded on the battlefield one day and two days later be in an Army hospital on the continental United States. The collaborative work of nurses and other health care professionals miles apart from each other was one of the hallmarks of this very unpopular war.

Along the ambulance and flight routes, the staff shared a common bond of science and membership in a sophisticated system of care.

Recent years have seen Army nurses active throughout the world both in armed conflicts and humanitarian endeavors.

In 1983, they supported combat troops in Grenada; in 1989 in Panama; and in 1991 in Iraq. Humanitarian missions have also taken nurses to such faraway places as Honduras, Russia, Croatia, Somalia, and Haiti. Nurses have con-

tinued the United States Army's long history of service in the Gulf of Mexico, the Persian Gulf, and the Balkans.

During the Vietnam War, the United States Army Nurse Corps provided medical care to over 2,200,000 patients. Two of the most significant contributions of the Army Nurse Corps were the development of the Department of Defense's medical evacuation system, and the development of the medical evacuation system in the United States. Before the Vietnam War, ground medical evacuation was the primary method of moving wounded soldiers from the battlefield to the hospital.

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Army Nurse Corps leaders and administrators have been instrumental in the development of the medical evacuation system in the United States.

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Photo by Spc. Bryan Beach

Family affair

(Above) Standing in review of the troops for the 1st Battalion 8th Infantry change of command ceremony are from left to right, Lt. Col. William G. Jones, outgoing commander, Col. Daniel H. French, 3rd Brigade Combat Team commander and Lt. Col. Steven L. Salazar, incoming commander.

(Right) Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Adolfo Salazar, who once served in 1/8 Infantry, congratulates his son before his change of command on Jan. 21.



Photo by Nel Lampe

Son

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unit's command sergeant major from 1975 to 1978. He also serves as the 1st Bn., 8th Inf. honorary command sgt. major.

Command Sgt. Major Salazar thinks it's terrific his son Steve is taking command of his old unit. And he's "very, very proud."

Although Lt. Col. Salazar was an "Army brat" his father doesn't think his own career had an influence on his son's decision.

The younger Salazar graduated from Fountain-Fort Carson High School during the family's Fort Carson assignment.

Command Sgt. Major Salazar said that his son went into the Army right after high school, intending to serve a couple of years. But after attending a leadership class he decided he and the military were a good fit.

On his own, Command Sgt. Major Salazar related, his son proceeded to get an appointment to West Point.

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Know the Rules, Use the Tools

(Part Two)

by Patricia Ann Randle

Chief of the Financial Readiness Division

In honor of National Consumer Protection Week Feb. 1 to 6, this is the second of a two-part series on laws that are available to protect you – the consumer. This week we will discuss The Equal Credit Opportunity Act, The Fair Debt Collection Practices and the Fair Credit Billing Act and the Electronic Fund Transfer Act.

The Federal Trade Commission enforces credit laws that protect your right to obtain, use and maintain credit. These laws do not guarantee that everyone will receive credit. Instead, the credit laws protect your rights by requiring businesses to give all consumers a fair and equal opportunity to receive credit and to resolve disputes over credit errors.

• Equal Credit Opportunity Act

This law prohibits credit discrimination on the basis of sex, race, marital status, religion, national origin, age or receipt of public assistance. Creditors may ask for this information (except religion) in

certain situations, but may not use it to discriminate when deciding whether to grant you credit.

The ECOA protects consumers who deal with companies that regularly extend credit, including banks, small loan and finance companies, retail and department stores, credit card companies and credit unions. Everyone who participates in the decision to grant credit including real estate brokers who arrange financing, must follow this law.

• The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

You are responsible for your debts. If you fall behind in paying your creditors or an error is made on your account, you may be contacted by a “debt collector.” A debt collector is any person, other than the original creditor, who regularly collects debts owed to others. This includes lawyers who collect debts on a regular basis.

The law is designed to eliminate abusive, deceptive and unfair debt collection practices. It applies to personal, family and household debts. This includes money owed for the purchase of a car, for medical care or for charge accounts.

• The Fair Credit Billing Act and the Electronic Fund Transfer Act

It is important to understand the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (EFTA). These documents may be used to damage your credit or to make unauthorized charges or transfers. If you receive a statement from your credit agency, notify the company immediately. These laws are designed to resolve mistakes on the part of the fund transfer account. The EFTA also protects your credit record and limits your liability for unauthorized electronic transfers.

• Where to Contact

If you have a problem, contact your battalion Commander or Army Community Service (ACS) at 526-4590. You may also contact the Federal Trade Commission Response Center by phone (877-382-4357); by mail: Consumer Response Center, Federal Trade Commission, 444 Jackson Avenue, Washington, DC 20580 or by e-mail: www.ftc.gov.

Dining Schedule

Week of Saturday to Feb. 5

Weekday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)
10th Special Forces Group (building 7481)
Butts Army Airfield (building 9612)
3rd BCT Iron Brigade (building 2061)
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161)
3rd ACR Cav. House (building 2461)
3rd BCT Mountaineer Inn (building 1369)

Standard Meal Hours

Mon., Tue., Wed. and Fri.	Thurs.
Breakfast 7:30 to 9 a.m.	5:30 to 7 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 5 to 6:30 p.m.	4 to 5:30 p.m.

Exceptions

- 10th SFG meal hours are the same Monday to Friday, but do not apply on Thursdays. No dinner meal served on Friday.
- Butts Army Airfield is open for breakfast and lunch only, Monday through Friday.
- Patton House closed Thursday dinner meal.
- Cheyenne Mountain Inn closed Wednesday to Feb. 7.

Weekend Dining

3rd ACR Cav. House
3rd BCT Mountaineer Inn
3rd BCT Iron Brigade
Stanley

Brunch 9 a.m.

Supper 3:30 p.m.

Family member meals.

Sports & Leisure

Wrestling trials at Post Physical Fitness

by **Walt Johnson**
Mountaineer staff

It all comes down to this.

Wrestlers' sweat, grunts and bodily contortions boil down to Wednesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. for the initial cut for the All-Army wrestling team.

The All-Army wrestling tryouts take place at the Post Physical Fitness Center where the action and the competition should be fearsome. This is the first step for wrestlers' who dream of representing the Army team and possibly the U.S. team that competes against the best Greco-Roman and free-style wrestlers in the world in the coming year.

The wrestling competition is broken down in two separate events. First there is the competition for a spot on the All-Army team Wednesday and Thursday. These matches will pit wrestlers currently at the Army training camp under the watchful of Coach Robert Allen, who is assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Second, there is a competition featuring the winners of the bouts Wednesday and Thursday against the World Class Athlete Program wrestlers. This competition gives wrestlers an opportunity to compete at the armed forces wrestling competition March 11 to 13 here, and possibly compete for a spot on the national team in May in Las Vegas.

The ticket to success for the wrestlers is who can put on the best

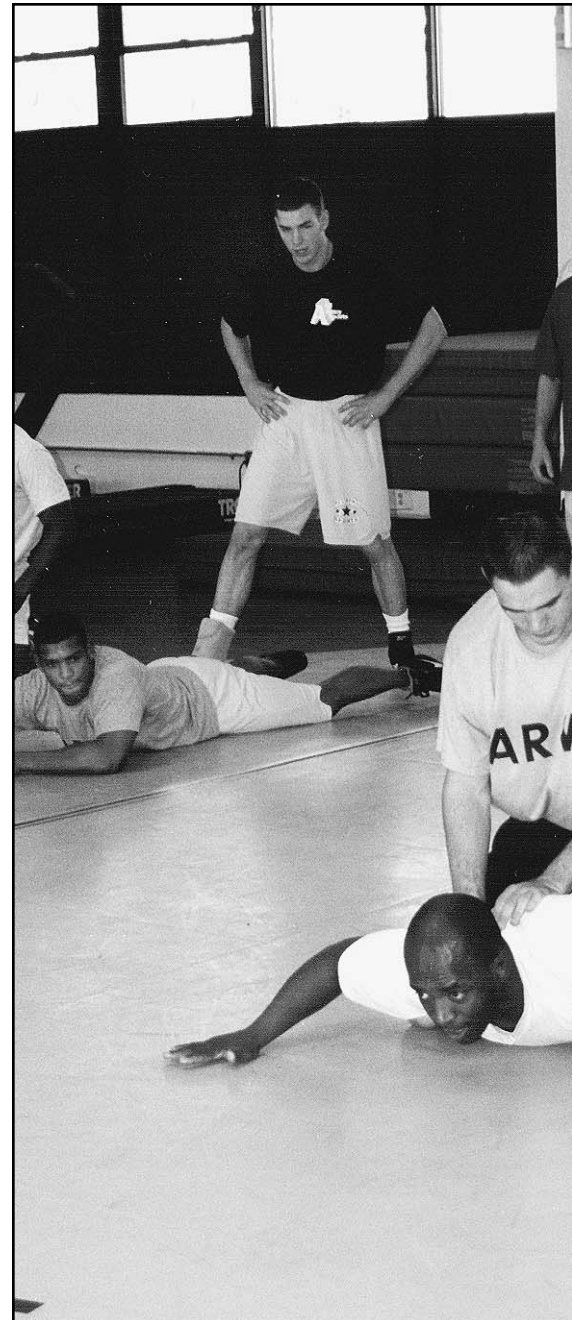
holds, perform the best techniques or out-think the other wrestlers. The key to succeeding at this competition is to remember the essential element being taught at the training camp — discipline.

"We teach our athletes a lot of different things at the camp they will need to be successful, but we emphasize discipline," Coach Allen said.

"The athletes at this camp are even with each other in terms of training, so everything being equal, we expect them to compete well against each other. But once they begin to compete against the WCAP wrestlers it is different. We will have to be very disciplined when we meet the WCAP wrestlers in late February," said Allen.

"Our athletes are at a slight disadvantage against the WCAP guys because they have had the opportunity to work out and prepare for competition all year. I have to find a way for our wrestlers to compete against them after the limited training we can do at the camp. We want to help our athletes develop the type of discipline that will lead them to put in the extra time to get on the same level as the WCAP team."

One thing is certain about this year's wrestling trials, the soldiers are in the best mental and physical shape possible. They've dedicated themselves to being the best and now they have the opportunity to see their dream become reality.



Members of the All-Army wrestling team practice some of the techniques that will help them succeed at the trials scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

Intramural action going strong at fitness

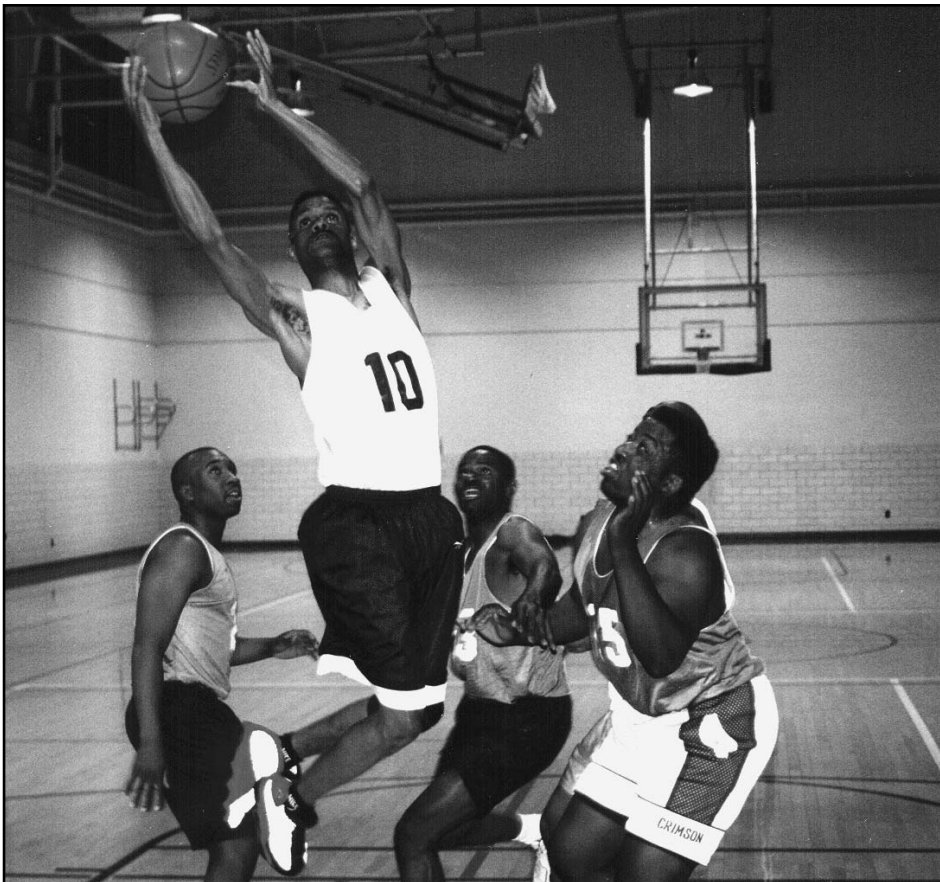
**By Walt Johnson
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Intramural basketball is scorching the paint at three of the physical fitness centers on post.

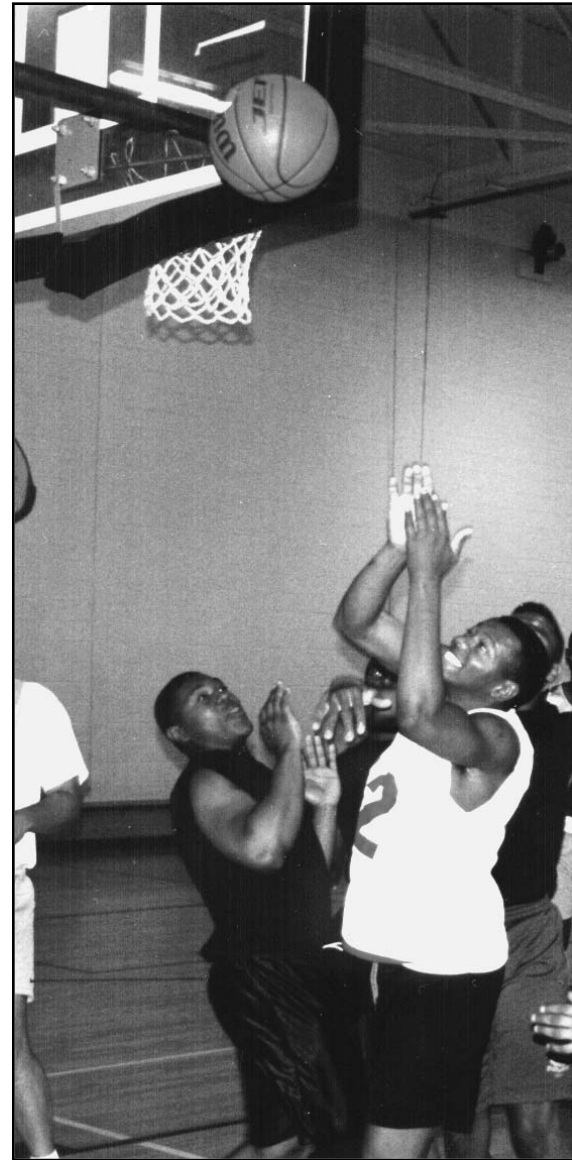
Each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night at McKibben, Garcia and Waller PFCs, teams are jockeying themselves in

position to make a run at the post intramural basketball championship in March.

Action begins at each facility at 6 p.m. each night, with games also scheduled for 7 and 8 p.m. Check with your unit for the site and time of its game.



360th Transportation forward Jason Williams drives to the basket to score two points against the 2nd Transportation team Jan. 14 at McKibben Physical Fitness Center.



3rd Battalion, 3rd Armored Cavalry Ramsey battles against opponents for a action Jan. 14 at Waller Physical Fitness

On the Bench

Broncos look to take the feathers off the 'D



by **Walt Johnson**
Mountaineer staff

Well, I've gotten over the embarrassment now as my conference football picks in the National and American Football Conference championship football games.

There is no need to remind anyone that I picked the two teams that won't be playing in this year's Super Bowl, the Minnesota Vikings and New York Jets. Believe me, people I've seen on post have more than reminded me of my error in judgment.

But, just like the poem said "sometimes you may rest a bit, but don't you quit." So I won't. I am ready to go full steam ahead with my pick for the Super Bowl winner and why.

The more I thought about this game the more I found myself asking the question, "Why are we even going to play this game?"

This Denver team has just been dominating the past two weeks, especially on the defensive end of the field. Let no one tell you different, if you want to win the Super Bowl, you better be able to play defense. The Broncos have been playing defense to the level of the 60s Dallas Cowboys' Doomsday Defense, 60s Minnesota Vikings' Purple People Eaters and the 70s Pittsburgh Steelers' Steel Curtain. For those of you too young to remember these defenses, or in my case too old and senile, these defenses took it personally if you so much as got a first down on them. They were so mean and dominate, that they gave up fewer points in a season than teams give up in six weeks' time nowa-

days.

The Broncos were totally dominate against a weakened Miami Dolphins team, holding their offense in check, especially the running game. It would be easy to say that the Dolphins were not much competition, seeing that they showed up in Denver with a crippled team. But most of their aches and pains were on the defensive side of the ball, not on offense where the Denver defense punched them in the mouth all day long.

The Broncos followed up that performance with a totally dominating defensive performance against a very good New York Jets team. If the offense and special teams would have stayed out of the way, the Jets would not have been in position to even score a field goal.

This Denver team is solid on offense. Think about this for a minute — you have a better chance of beating the Broncos if you make John Elway beat you. Elway is going to the hall-of-fame in five years to make sure his bust is in the right place. Terrell Davis is simply the best running back in the business and the offensive line is physical and good. The wide receivers are above average and can beat you on any given down.

The Broncos are the favorites to win this game and they should be. Why in the world are the Atlanta Falcons even showing up for this game? Surely they must know their run to glory is over, don't they?

Watching this team doing the "dirty bird" in Minnesota just about two weeks ago could have led you to believe they were just thrilled to death to have won the game and get their first chance at a Super Bowl.

Yes, you can forgive these birds from Atlanta if

they would have just won the Super Bowl, we aren't going to let them take our place in life. But a few X factors.

Last year at this time the Broncos won a Super Bowl so they are the defending Super Bowl champions. They owe them much of a championship.

Another team should be the one who had been to the Super Bowl but never won the game. They really had a great team.

This year the Falcons who has never won a Super Bowl two rings as a player. Dan Reeves brings in a new coach.

It would be a mistake to think this team is bringing a new dance and a big run. They are 16-2 without having a Super Bowl you.

The Falcons have an excellent offense and a good defense. This team did not win the Super Bowl are not capable of beating the Broncos, they are a good team.

Sometimes, you make a prediction. You make a prediction is the "dirty birds" v. the Bronco offense, get the defense, and win the championship for their coach.

Wouldn't you like to see Reeves do what he can do?

SPORTS & LEISURE

All-Army boxing trials end tonight

Eric Santiago, right, and Mansfield Little slug it out during All-Army trials elimination boxing matches Monday at the Post Physical Fitness Center. The matches were the first step fighters took in their hopes of qualifying for the Armed Forces championships, national championship and CISM games, with possible selection for the next Olympic games. The top ranked soldiers/athletes from the trials may also continue thier training with the World Class Athlete Program here. Boxers representing the WCAP and the All-Army training camp are in action tonight in 11 feature bouts to determine the team that will represent the Army at the interservice championships in March in San Antonio, Texas. The doors open at 6 p.m. During competiton Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there were many exciting and competitive bouts. Tonight's fights promise to be just as entertaining and exciting for Fort Carson and Colorado Springs boxing fans.





Story and photos
by Nel Lampe

Stagecoaches and other authentic conveyances used in the late 1800s are scattered throughout the Ghost Town Museum and grounds.

Ghost Town holds remnants of the old west



This is the west, after all. People want to see some remnants of the Old West and Ghost Town is the place to go. Lots of tourists visit Ghost Town in the summer tourist season.

Ghost Town has been a Colorado Springs "tourist attraction" for 40 years, but the facility is open year around, and crowds are sparse in winter.

And it's a good place to while away a few hours indoors if it's wintry weather outside.

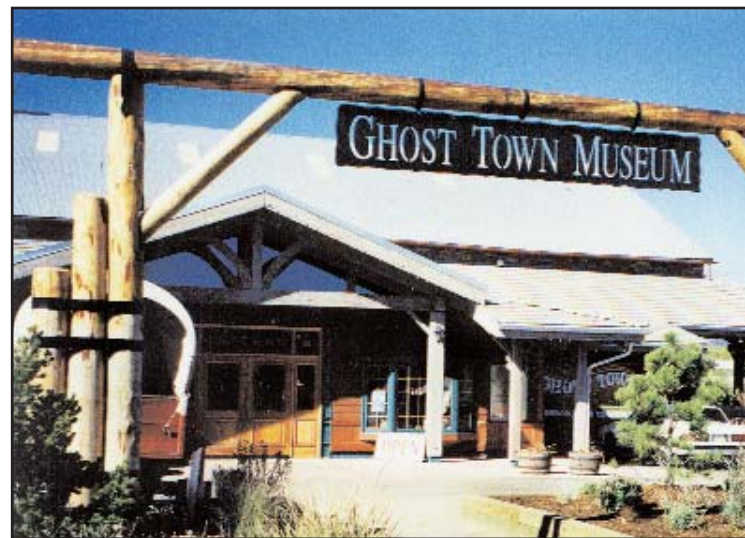
Housed inside a historic building once used by the Colorado Midland Railroad, the Ghost Town includes

authentic buildings which have been re-located to Ghost Town and reassembled into a small western-style town reminiscent of the Old West.

Everything is under cover.

There's plenty of free parking around Ghost Town, and visitors pass a few covered wagons to enter the facility.

First stop is the large gift shop, for browsing before or after the tour of Ghost Town. At any rate, pur-



Ghost Town Museum is located inside one of the buildings formerly used by the historic Midland Railroad.

front of the buildings. Wagons and watering troughs for horses are located along the street.

Other buildings include the general store, shooting gallery, blacksmith, jail, the newspaper office, barber shop, drug store, rooming

Ghost Town —

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After passing the livery stable, follow the signs to the old Victorian home.

It too, is fully furnished in 1890s style. Antique furnishings are throughout the town.

After leaving the Victorian house, follow the signs to the gold panning area. If you're interested in trying your hand at panning, check with the staff in the visitors' shop to make sure it's in operation.

And if you didn't do your souvenir shopping on the way in, remember to stop at the gift shop before you leave.

Ghost Town is open year around, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday. However, in extremely inclement weather, call before you

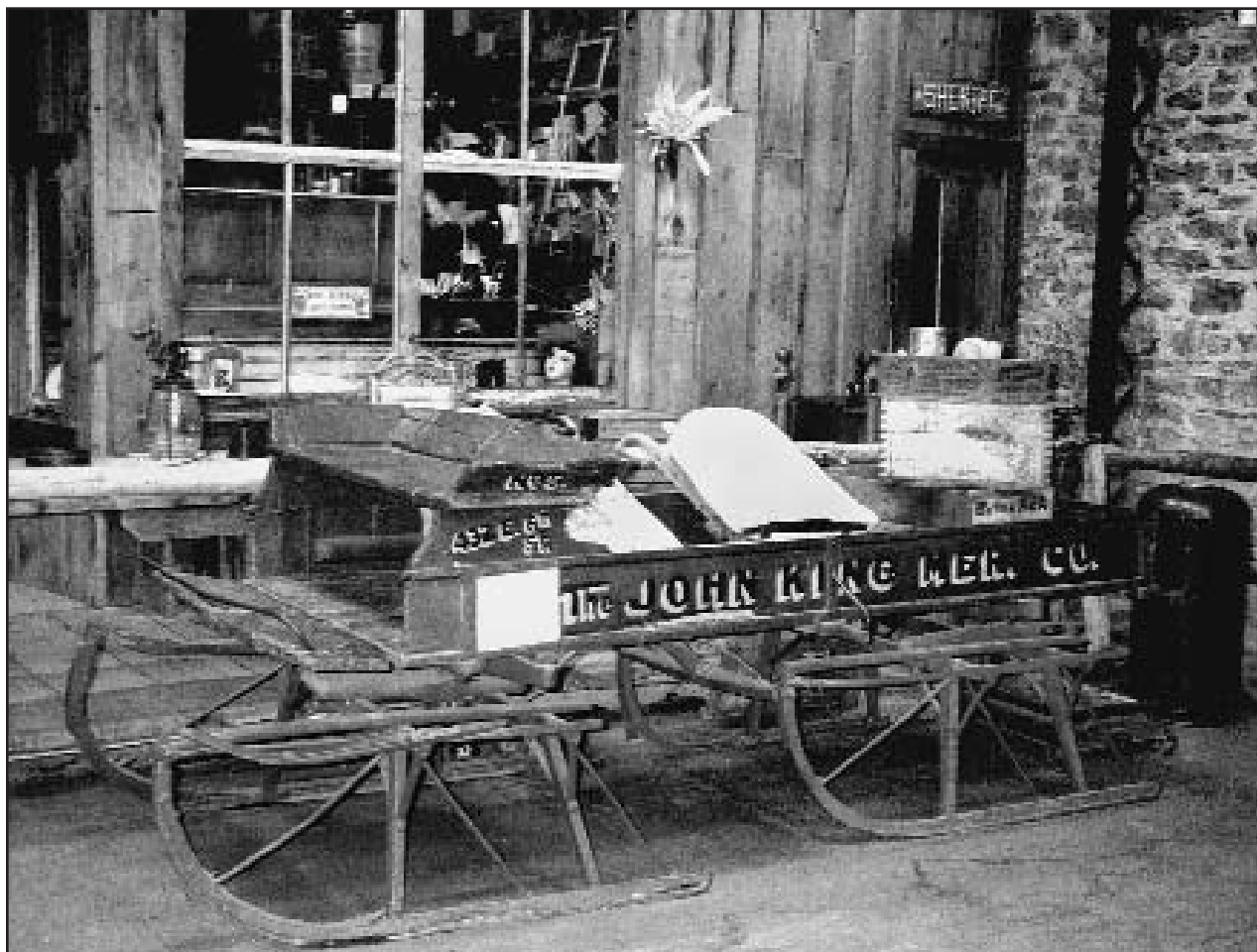
go. Ghost Town occasionally closes when weather is bad enough to scare tourists away.

Admission is \$4.50 for adults, and \$2.50 for children ages 6 to 15. Children under age 6 are admitted free. There's a 50 cent discount if you show military ID.

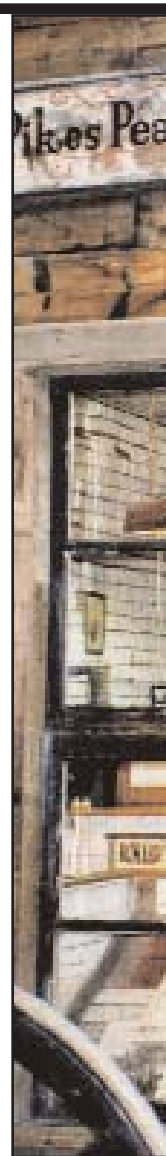
There are a couple of picnic tables near the gold panning area, if visitors brought their own lunch.

Ghost Town can be booked for receptions, parties or banquets, including saloon facilities. Options for entertainment are also available. Call 634-0696 for information about booking the facilities for parties or events.

To reach Ghost Town Museum, take I-25 north, and go west at exit 141 (Highway 24 west). Take a left on 21st Street, going around the Van Brigg Pottery building and turn right into the parking lot, following the signs.



This horse-drawn sled-vehicle was used during winter in Leadville to deliver groceries.



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Community Events

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Army Community Service and Army Family Action Plan holds "A Couple's Journey" the third Thursday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center. Refreshments are provided. Call 526-4590 to confirm the free on-site child care slots.

Army Family Team Building Level I training is Feb. 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. AFTB Level II training is Wednesday and Feb. 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 11, 18 and 25 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. For more information or to register, call 526-4590.

Fort Carson Army Family Action Plan Conference is March 17. AFAP seeks volunteers and issues. Volunteers will serve as facilitators and delegates. Issues can be written prior to the conference and dropped off at Army Community Service, building 1526, or emailed to: hilmanr@carson-exchl.army.mil. Call 526-4590 for more information.

Army Community Service is looking for volunteers to work in the reception center to screen clients and verify documents. For more information, call 526-4590.

Miscellaneous

Grant Post Library has tax forms to hand out along with Federal 1040 and Colorado state tax booklets. State tax forms from all 50 states will soon be available in reproducible format. Copies cost 10 cents per page at the library's copy machine. For more information, call 526-2350.

Beginning Feb. 8, the Department of Public Works performs road construction on Chiles Avenue. Phase 1 affects Chiles Avenue from O'Connell Boulevard south to Nelson Boulevard and is expected to take two weeks. This portion of Chiles Avenue will be closed to all traffic from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phase 2 affects the portion of Chiles Avenue from Nelson Boulevard south to Prussman Boulevard and is also expected to take two weeks. Chiles Avenue remains open during Phase 2 construction.

training and many federal jobs. Failure to register is also a felony, punishable by a fine up to \$250,000, up to five years in prison or both. To register, visit any local post office and ask for a form or visit the Selective Service System website at www.sss.gov. The website can verify if you are already registered.

Sabre Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, holds a winter formal Feb. 20 at the Doubletree World Arena Hotel, 1775 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd. For more information, call Capt. Jerry Hall at 526-2675.

The Mountain Post Wellness Center offers a "Healthy Cooking Class" the second and fourth Friday of every month except holidays. Classes are held in building 1526, second floor, room 231. Enjoy sharing ideas and a good meal. The class is free and seating is limited to 10, so call early. To sign up, call 526-3886 or 526-4173.

In celebration of Black History Month, the Equal Employment Opportunity office presents "Learn to be Your Own Hero" Feb. 11 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center. Guest trainer, Rabboni Selah, demonstrates how to be self-empowered inside and out. The event is free if registered in advance at the EEO office. For more information, call 526-4413.

The Fort Carson Black History Month celebration committee meets every Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Post Physical Fitness Center conference room. For more information, call 526-3385.

Defense Commissary Agency hosts a new web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/deca>. The site features many links of interest to commissary shoppers and military families. The Fort Carson email address for comments and suggestions is: cmcaco@midwest.deca.mil.

The Fort Carson Warrant Officers Association, Silver Chapter, is collecting General Mills box tops to raise cash for Fort Carson schools. There are drop boxes at the commissary, post exchange and all Fort Carson schools throughout the school year. For more information, call 526-8593 or 526-2922.

TriCare conducts a "Breast Cancer Initiative Program" presenting breast health classes at the Mountain Post Wellness Center. Classes cover topics such as breast pain, self-examination, treatment options, biopsy and mammography and are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at varying times. Call TriCare at 264-5000 to inquire about specific classes or to register. All classes are held at the wellness center.

Employment Opportunity

Harmony in Music provides patriotic music Tuesdays at 5 p.m. at Provider Center. Contact Staff Sgt. M. 6581 or 637-9208.

Child and Youth Superbowl Party at Experience the largest round-sound. Free prizes. A parent must be 21 years of age. No alcohol or other beverages allowed. Bar is open for full service. Is not allowed in the

El Paso County Driving Skills Institute for parents and teens a process. Seminars at 3010 North Chestnut, 20, April 14 and 24 sessions run from 10 sessions run from 7 to 9568.

School of the Arts Beacon Primary School Beginning Ballet and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Int and Jazz (ages 6 and p.m. School of the Arts kwon do classes. For or inquire about other 526-1100.

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Military Briefs

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service provides military members worldwide with the Military Clothing Catalog for free. All military members can purchase their clothing items from the catalog at cost, just like at the Military Clothing Store. The free catalog is available at Military Clothing Sales Stores worldwide or may be obtained by calling (888) 768-3204 to have a free copy by mail. Items can also be ordered from an on-line catalog found at the AAFES internet website: www.aafes.com.

The Public Affairs Office is seeking a soldier with web site maintenance experience. The soldier should be in a position to be released from his or her unit for duty at the Public Affairs Office. For more information, call Maj. Greg Julian at 526-1269.

The following are upcoming classes offered by the Directorate of Logistics:

- Forklift Safety Training, Feb. 9.
- Bus Driver Course, Monday.

See your unit training noncommissioned officer to schedule classes with Individual Military Training.

The Directorate of Logistics offers additional Forklift Operator training courses Feb. 10, 17 and 19, conducted by the Installation Driver Training, Testing and Licensing Station, building 301. This course is for soldiers operating commercial forklifts. Unit training noncommissioned officers should contact G-3 for course allocations.

Forklift Operator training for civilian and contractor personnel is Feb. 8, 11, 16 and 18. Contact the DOL, Transportation Division, at 526-3367 for allocations.

The Fort Carson Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program holds elections for president, vice president and secretary. Interviews are held Monday through Feb. 5. The president's job requires a full-time commitment and requires a release from present duty assignment by your com-

mander. Those interested should provide a written paragraph on why you should be president. The vice president and secretary positions are part-time. For more information, call 526-4109.

Enrollment in military correspondence courses is done electronically. Paper enrollment applications are no longer accepted. Enrollments in most military correspondence courses can be done from any computer with internet access. The web address is: www.atsc.army.mil/accp/accpenrol.htm. Training noncommissioned officers should contact Garry Fleming for enrolling procedures at 526-4121.

The Fort Carson Safety Office conducts the following safety courses;

- Motorcycle Safety Course, building 1117, room 309A; Feb. 9, March 9 and 23.
- Three-day Safety Officer Training Course, building 1117, room 223, March 15 to 17.
- Hazard Communication Train-the-Trainer, building 1550, classroom C, Feb. 9 and building 1117, classroom 203C, Feb. 23.
- Local Radiation Protection Officer Course, building 1550, classroom C, Feb. 23.

Attendees are required to bring a copy of their respective duty appointment memorandum to the three-day Safety Officer and Hazard Communication Courses.

The following items are required for attending the Motorcycle Safety Course: motorcycle, driver's license, vehicle insurance, registration, closed finger gloves, leather boots, reflective vest and motorcycle helmet. For more information, call Curtis Faulk at 526-8044.

Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, will be using smoke Monday through Feb. 5 at Training Area 10.

The Fort Carson Tax Center is now open. This is a free tax service for military personnel. Refunds are possible in 10 to 20 days. The center offers answers to tax questions, forms, preparation of both state and federal tax forms and electronic filing. The center's hours of operation are Mondays through Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Thursdays from 1 to 7 p.m., except federal or training holidays. The tax center will be open on the following Saturdays: Feb. 6 and 20, March 6 and April 3 and 10. For more information, call 524-1012 or 524-1013.

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Sports & Leisure Athletics

Are you interested in losing some of those extra pounds gained over the holiday season? People can take advantage of a free step-aerobics program at Garcia Physical Fitness Center each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. Garcia PFC aerobic officials call the class, "the interactive class for the millennium." Children are

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Get Out!

Damon Wayans in concert

Tickets are on sale for comedian Damon Wayans "Live in Concert" Feb. 20 at 8:30 p.m. in the Denver Auditorium Theatre, located in the Denver Performing Arts Complex. Wayan's stand-up career led to roles on "Saturday Night Live" and "In Living Color," as well as other television roles. Tickets are \$25 and \$30 at TicketMaster outlets or call 520-SHOW.

Contra Dance

Never Contra danced before? First timers are welcome Saturday and Feb. 13 at Gaylord Hall in the Worner Center at Colorado College, 902 N. Cascade. Live bands and callers are at each dance. Entry is \$6 per person. The dance starts at 8 p.m., with a beginners' workshop at 7:30 p.m.

Historic speakers

"High Society in the Resort Era" is the subject of Sunday's session of the series covering the history of Manitou Springs. The session is at 3 p.m. at the Craftwood Inn, 404 El Paso Blvd. in Manitou

Springs. Manitou Springs memorabilia, historic photos and light refreshments are available. There is no charge.

Smokebrush Theater

"Laughing Wild" is presented at Smokebrush Theater, Feb. 10 to 27. Shows are Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and \$15. The Smokebrush Center for Arts and Theater is located at 235 S. Nevada Ave. Call 444-0884 for information.

Photo awards

Bear Creek Nature Center presents the results of the "Natural Colorado Photo Contest" in a slide show, which includes the winners and other entries. The slide show is Feb. 6 at 1 p.m., and reservations are necessary. Call 520-6387 for more information.

50s music

Nostalgic for 1950s pop hits, as harmonized by male singing groups? "Forever Plaid" is the story of four male singers who were deprived of their big opportunity but get a second chance. "Forever Plaid" opens Feb. 12 at the Fine Arts Center, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Feb. 21 at 2 p.m.. Funny, entertaining and full of music, show tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Call

634-5583 for tickets.

"Marco Polo's Center travel series. Tickets are \$6, available at the office, 634-5583 for information. The Denver Center for the Performing Arts Center is at 300 W. Colfax Ave.

An exhibit of Chinese art at the Denver Center, called "The Art of the Chinese." The exhibit runs from Feb. 10 to Feb. 27.

Open House

"The Merry Widow" is sponsored by the Open House at the Fine Arts Center. Martile Rowland and John Wilkens, tickets are \$12. Performances at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Magic

Magician David Blaine at the World Arena Feb. 20. Catch him in Denver at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts three days. Call 520-6387 for TicketMaster outlets.